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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS MPOL IS LE  
SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: DISSECTION OF A DILEMMA

REF: TEL AVIV 4871

1. FOUND REFTEL MOST USEFUL ANALYSIS OF COMPLEX SITUATION.  
IT CROSSED OUR 2053 WHICH EXAMINES SOME OF THE SAME QUESTIONS  
FROM OUR OPTIC. I WILL WANT TO STUDY REFTEL THOROUGHLY BUT  
HAVE INITIAL IMMEDIATE COMMENTS ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF  
CONCLUSIONS.

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A. AGREE THERE IS AN UNREAL QUALITY ABOUT DEBATE IN  
NEW YORK AND THAT FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE TO GET UNIFIL  
TO PERFORM IN WAY WHICH GIVES CREDIBILITY TO ARGUMENT  
OPERATION WILL NOT HAVE TO BE REPEATED SOON.

B. WE HAVE ALREADY OUTLINED DOLEFUL DETAILS OF

LEBANESE INCAPACITY AT PRESENT CONJUNCTURE. EACH DAY  
OUR MILITARY SURVEY TEAM IS HERE I LEARN ANOTHER DIS-  
TRESSING FACT IN THIS REGARD.

C. IF ISRAELIS WOULD STAND STILL FOR IDEA THAT  
HADDAD BE ASSIGNED TO PRESTIGIOUS MILITARY COURSE IN EUROPE  
OR ELSEWHERE WE THINK THAT WOULD BE GREAT WAY HANDLING THAT  
PROBLEM. I THINK ALABAMA WOULD BE FINE. MY DCM AND PAO  
DISAGREE.

D. WE HAVE IMPRESSION SYRIAN ABILITY INFLUENCE PLO  
IN LEBANON IS VERY LIMITED.

E. I WILL TRY TO RAISE WITH SARKIS IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF  
DAYS POSSIBILITY THEY COULD ENCOURAGE  
SYRIANS TO MOVE SOUTH TO LITANI. I AM NOT VERY SANGUINE  
IN THIS RESPECT, GIVEN MY PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS ON  
SUBJECT WITH BOUTROS. NEVERTHELESS WILL GIVE IT A GO.  
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